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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TALKS:
THE INFORMATION QUESTION

REF: BUDAPEST 054 AND 144

1. DEPARTMENT AND USIA AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED APPROACH ON THE INFORMATION QUESTION (PARA 5, BUDAPEST 54). WE STRONGLY AGREE THAT THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND THE INFORMATION QUESTION SHOULD BE CONCLUDED SIMULTANEOUSLY, EVEN IF THEY ARE NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY AND IN PARALLEL.

2. SINCE PUJA IS ABSENT FROM HUNGARY AND EMBASSY DESIRES TO APPROACH THE GOH IN PREPARATION FOR SHIRLEY AND RICHMOND VISITS, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO MARJAI OR NAGY. TEXT OF US NOTE FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS --- AND, CALLING ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO THE FACT THAT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON INFORMATION ACTIVITIES BY THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WERE LIFTED IN 1970, TRUSTS THAT
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WILL
GIVE RAPID AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO RESCINDING

ALL RESTRICTIONS ON INFORMATION ACTIVITIES BY THE

AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST.

(PARA) UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROPOSES THAT, IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE TO PERMIT AND FACILITATE BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS (1) THE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS DESIGNED TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND (2) ACCESS TO LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, CULTURAL CENTERS, READING ROOMS AND ARCHIVES, INCLUDING SUCH FACILITIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT IN THE HOST COUNTRY WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED THAT SPECIFIC STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

(PARA) COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING UNQUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH IN HIS ORAL PRESENTATION IN EXPLANATION OF THIS NOTE TO INDICATE, USING THE LANGUAGE OF THE FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS OF EMBASSY'S PROPOSED NOTE (PARAGRAPH 6, BUDAPEST 54), WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS WE HAVE IN MIND TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. SISCO

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